

La Grange Granary (Samuel H. Black Farm)
U.S. Route 40, .25 miles west
of Route 896
Glasgow Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle County	TOWN OR VICINITY Glasgow vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) La Grange (Beers' <u>Atlas of Delaware</u> 1868): Granary		HABS NO. DE-216
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Samuel H. Black Farm		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) North side of route 40 approximately one quarter mile west of the intersection of routes 40 and 896.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1815 (National Register nomination)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The La Grange granary was built by Samuel Black, who presented the first paper on the values of agricultural reform to the Agricultural Society of New Castle County (1819). The building incorporates consolidated storage and processing functions & wheeled access.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Braced timber frame with post-and-rail walling for seating vertical board siding and lathing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular: approximately 20' by 24' gable end entry. The interior contains a central runway with flanking corn cribs; the loft area (for grain storage) is open.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE This is the earliest documented example of a drive-through granary of the type that was to become popular throughout the area in the mid 19th-century. The building was entered by a slight earthen ramp against the east gable wall.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Entry into the building is from the east elevation. A central runway is blocked off with a vertical board wall and loft stair at the west end. The flanking corncribs are solidly sheathed to a height of approximately three feet and then horizontally lathed. The loft area is sheathed to a height of 4".		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition: general storage.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This building is illustrated in a watercolor view of the farm that was executed in 1817 (two years after the completion of the house and out-buildings). As a forerunner of the buildings associated with local agricultural reforms the La Grange granary provided access for wheeled traffic and consolidated work spaces.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Cultural Resource Survey, DE. Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. D.G. Beers, <u>Atlas of the State of Delaware</u> 1868. Samuel Henry Black, "Extract Book," Special Collections, Morris Library, University of Delaware, ca. 1815-1820.		
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